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GOV. GARDNER'S MESSAGE TO FARMERS.

Realizing that the farmers are the backbone of a self-supporting state, says an Associated Press dispatch summing up Governor Gardner's viewpoint on the present unsatisfactory condition of general business, the Governor recently talked frankly to the farm and home agents gathered in Raleigh.

If the state is to get back to bed-rock principles, said the Governor, the farmers must lead the way by making themselves self-supporting in 1931. The prosperity of the state lies in the prosperity of the farmer. If he fail of success, the ill effects of his condition spread sooner or later to the cities and into the council rooms of the state's financial institutions.

Such was the gist of the Gardner message to the farmers and to the rest of the population.

There was more of the statement, in general application to North Carolina's situation as 1930 comes to its end.

It is imperative to adjust expenditures to income. And this, which should be taken to heart by every prospective legislator in the state and by the citizenship in general.

"We can not pass over this period by the aid of a narcotic or some other kind of momentary alleviation. The trend which we begin now will color the life of this state for another generation. We are at the cross-roads in taxation, agriculture and social affairs."

The Governor thus concluded his address to the farm agents, in words whose spirit should be felt by the state at large and incorporated into action:

"Do more for North Carolina than you have ever done before in your life. Plan the work for next year as early as you can. Keep hammering on good farming. Cultivate a spirit of honor and integrity among our farmers, so that they will work in accord in reducing the acreage to cotton and tobacco, and the effect will be felt throughout the nation."—Asheville Times.

FINANCIAL SUCCESS OR HEALTH.

Statistics show that there has been a marked increase in illness and death caused by high blood pressure throughout America. Scientists, in an effort to explain this, assert that we live on a plane of high nervous tension—that the struggle to accumulate wealth, to keep up with the Joneses, and to enjoy all the social luxuries possible, is won only at the price of good health.

The editor is familiar with many cases that substantiate this argument. Countless numbers of men, and some women too, never pause in the rush for material success to enjoy life. They are eternally hustling, from one job to another and from one social activity to another, making work out of play and chaos out of work.

This is particularly evident in the great city where competitive strife and high social standards create this artificial mode of life. It also exists in a community like Forest City to a limited extent, and for that reason we would like to have our readers pause and ponder on the problem a bit.

Is material success the sum total of the purpose of existence? Is money and high business standing worth the loss of friendships, the elimination of natural recreation, the absence of contented family life, and the lack of good health?

When you find yourself caught in

the swirl of high pressure living that seems to characterize our time, pause for a few moments and think upon the fundamental things of life. Ask yourself this question: "Am I here in this world to make money or to bring happiness to myself, my family, and my friends?"

When you answer this question in the obviously intelligent way, you will at once withdraw yourself from the chaos and frenzy of the time that is taxing the health and temper of the American people.

JUDGE MACRAE GOING AFTER BANK GOSSIPS.

Judge Cameron F. MacRae, opening the December term of criminal court at Asheville Monday, took particular pains to go after those unheeding ones who make derogatory rumors or statements about the solvency of banks, and instructed the grand jury to indict any person who violates this law. Notwithstanding the solvency of Rutherford county banks, there has not been an entire absence of the rumor pests in this county. This vile practice should be immediately stopped and it is the duty of all representative citizens to report and have arrested any person engaging in this dangerous practice.

Judge MacRae said he had reliable information that eleven of the banks closed recently in western North Carolina were forced to quit business by panic and not by insolvency. Panic, he said, can be created in two ways: first by actual insolvency and second by the malicious circulation of false rumors regarding the bank's solvency.

"If you know or have evidence of any person or persons breaking this law," Judge MacRae said, "it is your duty to indict them. This is a matter of grave importance for the community."

Briefly stated, the law makes it a misdemeanor for any person to circulate rumors which might injure the financial standing of a bank. The offense is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.

It was the second time this year that Judge MacRae had read this law to the grand jury. Last summer he read the same statute and gave the same instructions to the investigating body.

Judge MacRae, in his brief address to the grand jury Monday said: "For nearly a year, I have been giving these same instructions to grand juries wherever I have been holding court. As far as I know not a single person has been presented or indicted so far."

Here is the statute which Judge MacRae read to the grand jury:

"Any person who shall willfully and maliciously make, circulate or transmit to another or others any statement rumor or suggestion, written, printed or by word of mouth, which is directly or by influence derogatory to the financial condition or affects the solvency or financial condition of any bank, or who shall counsel, aid, procure or induce another to state, transmit or circulate any such statement or rumor, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined or imprisoned or both in the discretion of the court."

SAVING A CROP.

Travelers over Highway No. 20 cannot fail to notice the wayside and railroad side building labeled "Farmers Federation Sweet Potato Curing Warehouse," although "curing" is spelled the way the farmers want it. There are three such warehouses in that part of the State and they were established and largely financed by the farmer's friend, Jim McClure, Pennsylvania man come down into the mountains of North Carolina some years ago and setting himself up as a promotive agency for agriculture, grain, grass, stock and chickens. Mr. McClure also publishes a paper for the farmers of magazine appearance, which operates as an inspirational agency, and the purpose these potato curing houses in farmer-benefit is indicated in a summary of results. O. J. Holler, in detailing how a crop that was once lost is being saved, says that despite the fact that the season of 1930 was one of the driest for many years in this section the farmers have now in storage in the Farmers Federation houses at Forest City, Spindale and Ellenboro, around 15,000 bushels of sweet potatoes. The variety is mostly Porto Rico.

While this is comparatively a new industry in this section, had we had a normal season even though with facilities for taking care of 25,000 bushels, the farmers have been so well pleased with the results of this

project since its undertaking, we could not have taken care of the crop this year. Since the Federation has made it possible to provide for the potato crop, the farmers are increasing their acreage each year and find it one of the most profitable crops they can grow.

This crop fits in well with a diversified system and is a cash crop with which to supplement cotton to some extent and is much easier and less expensive to produce. While we are not now producing enough to supply the demands in this section, the indications are that within a short time we will be shipping to the Northern markets, giving to them a product that is very valuable as a food. On account of the very low price of cotton this year a few dollars from this crop to each farmer will help to tide him over or be like finding lost money. The farmers are applying now for storage space for next year for from one to 20 acres to the farm, which means that more storage houses will have to be provided.—Charlotte Observer.

SWEET POTATO SOFT ROT CONTROLLED WITH HEAT

Proper heating of the curing house is a simple and effective method of preventing the spread of the soft rot fungus and also does away with the dangerous practice of sorting out after the potatoes have been stored.

"When soft rot is observed as indicated by the presence of sour flies, the heat in the curing house should immediately be increased to 90 degrees F.," says Dr. R. F. Poole, plant pathologist at the Agricultural Experiment Station. "This temperature should be maintained until all flies have disappeared and the diseased potatoes have mummified. The house should be well ventilated during the heating period as this dries out the surface of the sweets adjacent to the infected potatoes and checks the spread of the fungus. After the diseased potatoes are thoroughly dried out they can be left among the healthy sweets for the rest of the storage period."

Mr. Poole states that after the potatoes are once stored and the curing process begun, they should not be moved for any purpose except for immediate sale. When this is done the potatoes are bruised and, owing to the process of curing, the healing is very slow and the infection will spread through this raw tissue. Due to the fungus growth within a few days after storage every potato, even in the best regulated houses, will be exposed to a greater infection than when first stored and for this reason alone the sweets should never be handled after curing starts, he says.

The early cool fall season together with an abundance of moisture in some areas has greatly favored the parasite and in many cases the infection has been carried into the curing house on potatoes that were effected but did not show any signs of decay, says Dr. Poole. This infection cannot be helped but the spread of the fungus can be checked by proper heating and ventilation, and the exercise of proper precaution in handling, he says.

Low Farm Income Dooms Tenant System

The antiquated cropper system of farming, as practised in North Carolina and the South, is doomed.

"This is no new revelation," says R. H. Rogers, farm management economist at State college. "The system has been doomed since its inception, as it is not logical to expect a year's living from a half-year's work. Neither is it likely that slipshod operations and management in any business will long support one family let alone two or more."

The day of reckoning will be hastened, says Mr. Rogers, by six things and these are the expansion of cotton growing towards the west, the increased use of rayon and other cotton substitutes, the continued heavy boll weevil infestation, mounting cash expenses including taxes, the expansion of the tobacco acreage which has resulted in over-production, and more recently a curtailed domestic buying power.

Mr. Rogers says the unprofitableness of the tenant system is not new. However, in former days it would provide the landowner with enough cash to pay his taxes and to arrange for the next season's production. At the same time it would give the tenant some kind of living. Now the

TO SHOW GREAT MOVIE SUNDAY

Carolina Theatre at Spindale Will Present "King of Kings" Sunday Afternoon for Charity Purposes.

Spindale, Dec. 16.—Mr. L. E. Sipe, manager of the Carolina theatre, announces that he will show "King of Kings", a Biblical picture, next Sunday for charity purposes. Two shows will be given Sunday afternoon, one at two o'clock and another at four o'clock. All proceeds from the show will be turned over to the local church committees to relieve the needy in Spindale.

This picture, while filmed for the silent screen, has the musical score with it, and in several places a male chorus of over a thousand voices sing Christmas hymns. Over five thousand people appear in the picture.

"King of Kings" is conceded to be one of the greatest pictures on the movie screen. It was produced at a cost of one and a half million dollars.

No set admission fee will be charged, but everyone attending is expected to make as liberal donation at the door as possible. The entire proceeds will be turned over by Mr. Sipe to the Charity Committee, sponsored by the local churches, who will use it in connection with their work in relieving the destitute in Spindale.

TO REACH POOR CHILDREN IN ISOLATED SPOTS

Elsewhere in this paper will be found outlined the plan of Mrs. Fannie Cantrell, welfare officer, who proposes to look after the poor children of the outlying districts who will not be reached by the various community workers.

Mr. E. F. Dardine, manager of the Romina Theatre here, has generously donated the use of his theatre for a show to be put on at 10:30 Saturday morning, at which time the price of admission will be a toy or silver offering. The donations are to be given the children in those places not covered by the community workers—the little tots in the isolated sections of the county, who other-

tenant gets a living and there is nothing left for the landowner. This makes it imperative that a change be brought about.

The live-at-home program must be intensified. This will release tenants who must find other farms or go into the over-crowded ranks of labor. At any rate, the landowner cannot continue to feed and care for tenants who return him no profit. Alert farmers are now changing says Mr. Rogers, and others will soon be forced to change through bankruptcy or curtailment of credit.

In the future more work must be done with modern machinery causing small farms to be thrown together for economical operations and extra labor needed will be hired on a cash basis, says the economist.

wise might not have anything at all for Christmas.

It is a wonderful spirit exhibited by both Mrs. Cantrell and Mr. Dardine and the public should respond to their generous offer. Remember, a good full show will be given Saturday morning and the admission will be a toy or silver offering—and to go to the poor children. Come out and help this worthy enterprise.

Mr. Dardine also has purchased a lot of candy, which he will personally donate to Mrs. Cantrell's plan.

Automobile glass replaced while wait. Farmers Hardware Co.

Letters urging manufacturers and merchants to co-operate in making North Carolina-made goods available to the public during the Christmas shopping season have been sent out by the Department.

It takes 27 days for the moon to make its circuit around the earth, but we have moonshine every day in the year.

Among the other fading illusions is the one that two can live as cheaply as one after there are a half dozen.

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LASTING CHRISTMAS PRESENT

You probably have been waiting till Christmas spirit would loosen those purse strings for something and one thing every family has an ambition to own. Santa Claus has cut the strings on:

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